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PRESENTED THE SILVER SERVICE

Delegation from Michigan
at Philadelphia to
Make Presentation.

SPEECH BY GOVERNOR WARNER

Magnificent Battleship Michigan Accepts Silver Service From State Which Named it.

Last week Gov. Warner and his staff and a delegation of about 20 Michiganders went to Philadelphia to participate in the ceremonies and to present a handsome silver service. The ceremonies were short and passed off without a hitch. Gov. Warner made the presentation speech of the silver service in the following language:

"As the accredited representatives of a great state we are assembled here today for the purpose of doing the final honors on behalf of that state to this magnificent battleship which bears its name.

"Nearly two years ago most of those now present witnessed the giving to the keeping of the mighty waters the hull of this powerful engine of defense which we now behold fully appointed and equipped with all that goes to make up a modern battleship designated to defend the nation's rights, enforce the nation's proper decrees and uphold the nation's honor throughout the world.

"Recognizing the need for these great pacificators where peace measures can be made effective, and these powerful agencies of destruction where peaceful methods do not avail, we of Michigan rejoice in the fact that the name of our beloved state has been given to such a powerful and effective ally of the foremost nation of the world. For they know that wherever there is greatest need for prompt and effective action, whether it be in the line of the movement will be for this impressive representative of the government of a free people bearing the name of the state we love so well, as notice to all mankind that all the citizens of Michigan stand firmly together at all times as upholders of the honor and integrity of the nation, and as defenders of the weak and oppressed.

"Even though we stand here today in an environment suggestive of strife, turmoil and warfare, may we not indulge the hope that the onward march of civilization, the development of all the races of the earth and the quickening consciences of the people generally will speedily usher in that longed-for day when the people of all races and all climes shall in truth and in fact have beaten their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and shall therefrom settle their differences by arbitration rather than by might. Let us, as lovers of our glorious country and of mankind pledge ourselves to the advancement of all measures that will tend to bring about friendly relations between all peoples and all nations.

"And now, to you who have been designated to receive it, we present this service of silver, the gift of the people of Michigan to this ship and all who shall be assigned to duty on it, from the officer in command to the man lowest in rank. Those whom we represent sincerely hope that all who serve their country on this warship may know that the eyes of all the people of Michigan are constantly upon them and that this knowledge will inspire them at all times to deeds of valor and devotion to our beloved country.

It is their fervent prayer that He who watches over all of us, whether we fight the battles of life on shore or 'go down to the sea in ships,' will be with all who tread these decks and guide their footsteps in the path of duty and devotion to their country and mankind so that the flag of this ship may never be raised in unworthy triumph or lowered in dishonor."

ASK FOR ADDITIONAL BONDS

County Treasurer Fuller Asked to Furnish \$16000.00 More Bonds to State. State Tax Large.

Auditor General Fuller is asking the various county treasurers of the state to increase the amount of their bonds to the state. County Treasurer Fuller furnishes in all \$120,000.00 in bonds, \$15,000.00 of this amount is state bonds, and he has been asked to furnish \$16,000.00 additional bonds. The reason for the demand of the auditor general is the fact that the state tax this year is an unusually large one, and he deems the present figure too small to amply protect the state. Treasurer Fuller, when asked about the matter states that he is ready to remit a large portion of the state tax, which will probably be satisfactory to the department, and he will not be required to increase the bond.

HAS MOVED TO KALAMAZOO

The Charles Drug Store will be Located on North Burdick St. Goods Shipped this Week.

J. H. Charles has decided to move his drug store to Kalamazoo, and workmen have been packing goods all the week. Several loads of goods and fixtures have already gone, and he will be settled there next week. He has secured a good location on North Burdick st., and when his fixtures are in place it will be one of the most attractive and up-to-date stores in the city of Kalamazoo. Mr. Charles has been one of Paw Paw's foremost business men for several years, and his store here has been a model of neatness and perfection. It is with regret on the part of Paw Paw people that he has decided to move away, and the best wishes of a large circle of friends will go with him to his new location. He will not move his family to Kalamazoo until next summer as Mrs. Charles' health will not permit her being moved at this time.

It is not known at this time who will occupy the vacant store, but in all probability it will not be vacant long, as it is one of the best locations in Paw Paw.

COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT LAWRENCE

O. E. S. Will Entertain County Association Jan 22. Good Program Prepared.

Lawrence has been selected as the next meeting place of the Van Buren County Eastern Star association and the third annual meeting will be held here Saturday, Jan. 22. The local chapter is making preparations to do the honors in a manner befitting the occasion.

Members from all over the county will assemble here at this time and the Lawrence Stars hope to make the meeting a crowning feature in the history of the organization.

Mrs. Emma Ocozbek, of Hartford, who is right worthy associate conductress of the general grand chapter will act as worthy matron. The other officers will be: Marshall H. Mackey, of South Haven, worthy patron; Mrs. Rawston, associate matron; Miss Gertrude Harrows, secretary; Mrs. Mary Stearns, treasurer; Mrs. Flora Salin, conductress; associate conductress not appointed; Mrs. Laura Stevens, marshal; Mrs. Jora Cochrane, chaplain; Mrs. Claire Weaver, organist; Mrs. Mamie Cross Wakeman, Adah; Mrs. Eva VanVleck, Electa; Miss Nellie Martin, Warder; William Watson, sentinel. Other points of the star not yet appointed.

The present officers of the county association are: president, Mrs. Clara Sebring, Bangor; vice president, Marshall H. Mackey, South Haven; secretary, Mrs. Mamie Cross Wakeman, Paw Paw; marshal, Mrs. Lena Stevens, Bloomington; Chaplain, Mrs. Cora Cochrane, Hartford.

The association will convene in regular session at 10 o'clock a. m., following being the program:

Singing—Opening Ode.

Prayer—Mrs. Cora Cochrane.

Address of Welcome—Mrs. Frances Chapman, Lawrence.

Response—Mrs. Olivia J. C. Woodman, Paw Paw.

Business.

Election of officers.

Dinner.

The Lawrence chapter will open the afternoon session in regular form and the stations will then be turned over to the officers of the association who will exemplify the beautiful initiatory work of the order. The candidates will probably be Lawrence people.

An important matter to be brought up in the business meeting will be the changing of the dates of the summer and winter meetings on account of their coming at a time when the weather is the worst in winter and hottest in summer.—Lawrence Times.

IS BUSY WITH ICE HARVEST

F. B. Ocozbek Has Force of 100 Men and Teams. Will Put Up About 6000 Tons of Ice.

The ice harvest is now in full blast. F. B. Ocozbek, who is probably the most extensive ice dealer in Van Buren county, has had a large force at work since last Saturday. He is working at present about 100 men, some of them with teams. The ice is cut with an improved cutter on Landphar's pond, and is drawn from there to his large ice houses with teams. It is then hoisted into the buildings with a steam elevator and put in place. His present force is putting in about 500 tons of ice per day, and will continue at that speed if the ice holds good until 6,000 tons have been securely housed. The ice that is being procured is of excellent quality, and measures about 12 inches in thickness. Nearly all of the smaller ice houses of the village have already been filled with a fine quality of ice.

FRED W. CARPENTER



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Private Secretary to the President

BROUGHT SUIT AGAINST LAWTON

Sister Village in Financial Muddle. Bonding Plan Voted Down. Suits Coming.

The village of Lawton is in a peculiar financial muddle. Numerous debts are past due, and the village exchequer is empty. As a solution of the problem it has been proposed to bond the village to pay off the debts, but the voters voted down the plan three months ago. Last week it was tried again, and the proposition fell four votes short of carrying.

In speaking of the matter the village newspaper, The Leader, says: "The proposition to bond the village for \$10,500 in order to pay debts now past due, failed again for want of four votes, the same number that was lacking in the election four months ago. As there was only 134 votes cast at that time, and as some of the village's creditors are threatening a law suit, a petition was presented to the council asking for another election. This petition was signed by 45 property holders, some of whom opposed the proposition before, hence the council felt justified in calling the election.

"There were 171 votes cast, requiring 114 to carry by the necessary two-thirds majority. The result was 110 for and 60 against the proposition. One ballot was rejected.

"What the result will be cannot now be told but one thing sure we will have to take our medicine, however bitter it may taste. Our debts will have to be paid whether we desire to pay them or not, and if we do not want the time extended for their payment we may have to attend to the debts all in a bunch. A law suit will probably be instituted at once to collect the bonds and notes now past due. The council will present no defense, and judgement will be made against us, and the judge will probably require an assessment to be levied that will satisfy our creditors. It is too bad the time could not be extended so the debt could be paid gradually, but if we must pay it all at once, there will be no getting around it.

Hartford Day Spring.

FILE LOCAL OPTION PETITION.

Petition Filed in the Circuit Court Asking for a Reversal of Supervisors' Decision.

A petition was filed in the circuit court last Monday asking for a writ of mandamus in the local option matter. The petition was filed in the name of Garfield S. Flanders, relator, of Bloomington, who superintended the petitions for the elections in this county.

The petition asks that the court order the supervisors to reconvene and accept the petition from the township of Columbia, which acceptance would compel the calling of an election this spring.

The court has ordered the case for hearing today, and the result of the hearing is awaited with great impatience, as the matter has created much discussion throughout the county.

TURNED OVER TO COUNTY TREAS.

Under Salary System Large Amount of Fees Finds Way Into the County Treasury.

The total amount of fees turned into the treasury of this county by the several county officers during the year 1909 under the provisions of the county salary law was \$5,980.47, to wit: Sheriff's office, \$1,336.57; county clerk, \$1,613.89; county treasurer, \$526.04; register of deeds, \$2,503.97.

The above figures make no account of the criminal business done by the sheriff and his deputies, which was under the former system wholly paid for in fees and which is now covered by the salary paid. The same is very largely true in reference to the clerk's office, where a very considerable sum was formerly paid to that officer in the shape of fees and which is now entirely covered by the salary paid.

SUPERVISORS FINISH WORK

Adjourned Last Friday. Bill of Wildey and Decker for Balance on Cannon Laid on Table.

Friday was the last day of the session of the board of supervisors, it requiring but a short time to finish the work before the board after the matter of the local option petitions had been settled.

Supervisor Waldron, chairman of the committee on sheriff's accounts, presented a report which was accepted and adopted. The report showed the total amount collected and returned to the county treasurer by the sheriff's office during the months of October, November and December to be \$84.60.

The committee to audit the accounts of the register of deeds, through its chairman, Supervisor Westgate, reported the amount turned over to the county treasurer by the register of deeds since October 1 to be \$643.17. The committee also reported a summary of the fees received in the register's office for the year 1909 to total \$2,503.97. The report was accepted and adopted.

Supervisor Shattuck, chairman of the committee to settle with the county treasurer, reported the committee had found the books to be correct in the treasurer's office. He also reported the interest paid during 1909 to be \$2,435.16, and the interest accrued to January 1, 1910, as approximately \$1,650. The report of this committee was accepted and adopted, as was also that of the committee on general claims, which reported through its chairman, Supervisor Burger.

Supervisor Burger also presented a bill to the board from E. A. Wildey and M. L. Decker for the balance due on the cannon amounting to \$182. On motion the bill was laid on the table.

After the appointment of Supervisors Gaynor, Gault and Westgate as a committee to make arrangements for the annual picnic, the board adjourned sine die.

ANOTHER GRAPE MEETING

The Paw Paw Fruit Growers Union Held Annual Meeting Last Monday Afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Paw Paw Fruit Growers Union was held at Hawley & Warner's hall last Monday afternoon, and the business of the association, usually transacted at annual meetings was disposed of. The present officers were re-elected with the exception of one trustee and one member of the auditing board. After considerable discussion by Messrs. Wildey, Hillsborough, Jackson and others, it was decided to appoint a committee of three to confer with the "Combination association" with reference to the fixing of a minimum price each day, on the selling price for the next day.

There was considerable talk about grading, bringing in unripe fruit, prices etc, but nothing definite was done in regard to the same. The meeting was well attended, and the enthusiasm over the prospects of the grape business in this section was intense. Grape growers are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the "Combination" agitation.

SPEARING UNLAWFUL IN STREAMS

Bass Fishing Closes January 31st. Sections of Statute from Latest Game Laws.

There has been some misunderstanding in regard to the spearing of fish in the streams and ponds of Paw Paw township. In order that the fishermen may be fully advised, and that they may not knowingly violate the statute, we quote as follows from the game laws of the state of Michigan:

Act 87 of the Public Acts of 1907, which is an act to prohibit the spearing of fish in the public streams or rivers in certain townships of Van Buren county, provides:

(413) Section 1. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to spear, or attempt to spear, at any time, any kind of fish, in any of the public streams and rivers of the townships of Paw Paw, Antwerp, Porter, Almena, Pine Grove, Bloomington, Arlington, Lawrence and Decatur, in the county of Van Buren.

(414) Sec. 2. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten nor more than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

The revised statutes of 1909 also provide that it shall be unlawful to catch black bass in any manner from the first day of February until the fifteenth day of June. It is to be hoped that all fishermen will take notice, and that there may be no violations of the statute.

EARLY FOR STATE TAXES

Remittances to Auditor General's Department Earlier This Year than in Former Years.

Reports from the Auditor General's department state that almost on the first of the new year taxes have been coming in while in the past they have not arrived much before the fifteenth. As a result Auditor General O. B. Fuller is rejoicing and incidentally he is paying up some of the outstanding claims against the state which some of the institutions have contracted. It will now be a matter of but a short time before every debt will have been settled and all institutions running with a clean bill as far as the state's share due them. Many of the institutions are becoming eager to get their money but the shortage has been handled admirably by the different institutions and the auditor's department.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB MEETING.

Largest Meeting of the Year is Held at Home of W. C. Mosier Wednesday Night.

The Fellowship club held a meeting at the home of W. C. Mosier last Wednesday evening which was attended by the largest crowd of the year.

After a business meeting in which several new members were accepted, an interesting program was enjoyed.

A musical number by the club quartet, which was heartily enjoyed, preceded a graphic account of a trip to Italy by B. F. Chase, in which he mentioned more particularly the cities of Naples and Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius. His talk was exceptionally interesting and full of facts, not generally known.

Hon. L. Burget Des Voignes was also on the program with a talk on "The Humorous and Pathetic Side of the Court," in which he cited many actual happenings in his own experience. Talks by the judge are always refreshing and instructive at the same time.

A song by the club was followed by refreshments, after which the meeting adjourned.

CIRCUIT COURT AGAIN IN SESSION

Convened Last Monday. Total of 85 Cases to be Disposed of.

JURY WILL COME NEXT WEEK

Criminal Calendar Short. Only three Cases on Calendar. Birney Case First to be Tried.

The circuit court convened last Monday with a calendar of 85 cases to be heard.

Monday morning Arthur Gibbons, colored, was arraigned and pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary. This was a Covert case, the respondent being charged with stealing chickens and beans.

Fred M. Sauer, charged with forgery, was also arraigned and pleaded not guilty pro forma.

In the case of Frank W. French vs. Cable Nelson Piano Co. the court entered an order for security for costs, \$100, to be filed within 20 days.

The defendant in the case of Inez Dorman vs. August Uirath made a motion for security for costs, which was denied by the court.

Fern Calvin, charged with burglary, Warren Lounsbury, malicious destruction of property and James Lang, burglary, all out on probation, reported to the court, as ordered at the October term, and the reports were accepted. They were ordered to report again May 23.

Tuesday an order allowing an amended declaration on terms was granted in the cases of Lawrence E. Marr et al. vs. Lewis Thomas, an appeal case from Bangor.

Decrees were granted in the cases of Battie Wolford vs. John Wolford, divorce; Wm. Crowell vs. Mabel Crowell, divorce and John W. Locker vs. Blackburn university, bill to quiet title.

The jury will come next Monday, when the criminal calendar will be taken up. The first case to be tried will be that against Frank J. Birney of Lawton on a charge of embezzlement from the M. C. R. Co. while in the company's employ as freight agent.

GRAPE GROWERS' MEETING.

Interest is Lively and Good Crowd Attends. Committee Selected for Final Meeting.

The Grape Growers' meeting at Hawley & Warner's hall was well attended. In fact the hall was packed to the limit of its capacity. The meeting was called to order by Chairman D. L. Thornton, and L. E. Shepard was selected as secretary to act at this meeting. The need of a movement of this kind was outlined by G. E. Prater, who stated that a complete union of all forces was desired and necessary in order to obtain the best results. About an hour was taken up in the discussion of the merits of the present organizations, giving each manager due time to set forth all the merits of his company. From this could be gleaned some good points that could be embodied in the new movement, and while it was perhaps unpleasant and somewhat personal at times much good could be derived from it by those who desired to learn. The meeting and discussion was entirely general, being freely participated in by all factions, and it was the unanimous feeling that could a movement of this kind be brought to completion, it would be the best thing that ever happened to the growers of this belt. Evidently, this is up to the growers. All that is necessary is to properly formulate the rules under which they will operate, and all boost. To this end a selection of the following delegates was made to convene, with the other shipping points, at Lawton town hall, January 18th, at 10:30 a. m., to perfect a plan of action preparatory to the round up meeting in the afternoon: Bert Gleason, Dan Morrison, F. E. Morrell, H. E. Shafer, Earl Bangs, R. E. Hutchins.

It will be seen that the now existing organizations are equally represented. Everybody boost.

LOSES HER LIFE IN FIRE

Aged Bangor Lady Burned to Death Early Thursday Morning. Origin of Fire Unknown.

A telephone message from our Bangor correspondent states that about 4 o'clock Thursday morning Mrs. Sarah Hall, aged 86 years, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the home of her son, John Hall in that place. The origin of the fire is unknown, as Mr. Hall was away at the time but it is surmised that the unfortunate old lady was up about the house and in some manner overturned the kerosene lamp. Mrs. Hall was a lady of beautiful character, and beloved by all who knew her. The funeral will be held from the M. E. church in Bangor today, and interment will be at Rockford, Illinois.